Batheaston Parish Council

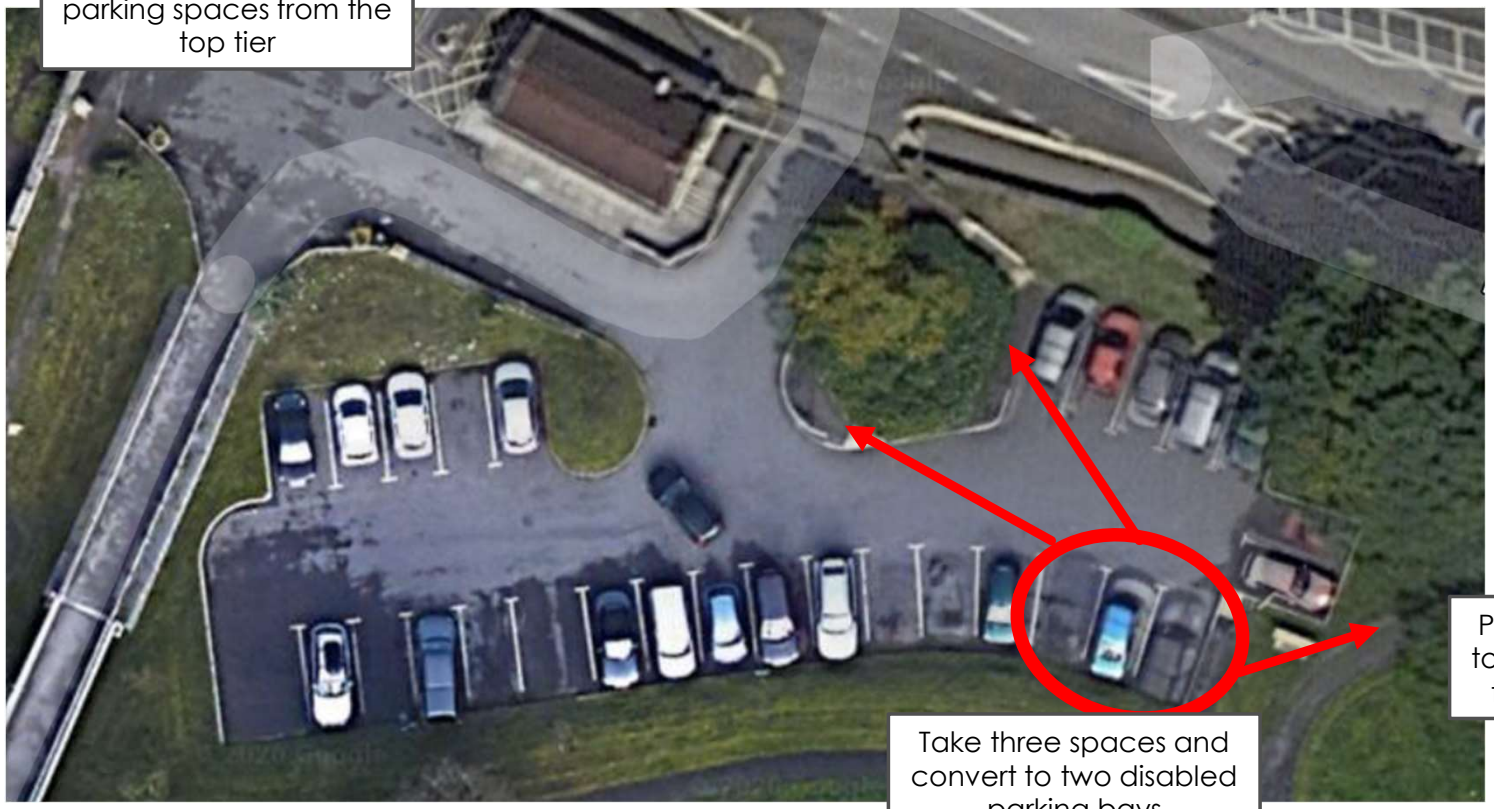
Riverside Proposed Car Park Changes

Meeting 3/3/2020
Batheaston Parish Council

Riverside Car Park

- The riverside area is increasingly becoming a hub for leisure activities for those of all ages and fitness levels. As a PC we must continue to encourage this and in doing so provide a safe environment for the residents and visitors to enjoy this amazing location.
- We therefore must look to adapt the riverside car park to take into account this growing trend and provide safe and easy access for all.
- The following document outlines two proposals that should be undertaken to aid this shift from a simple car park hub to a wellbeing hub.
- Proposal 1: Move the disabled parking from the upper tier to the lower left hand corner (as you look into the car park from the High Street), and take three existing spaces and convert to two disabled spaces therefore allowing easy, safe and non stepped access to the High Street.
- Proposal 2: To close the upper tier completely to motor vehicles including motor bikes. Providing safe access to the Secret Garden and Riverside areas. Provide access to this area via a combination padlock split gate as agreed by the PC. Consideration should also be taken to include a painted cycle lane from the entrance of the car park to this area.
- These two proposals would leave us with 26 standard car parking spaces and 2 disabled spaces.

Riverside Car Park – Disabled Car parking



Provides easer, level and safer access to the High Street at three points rather then steps from the existing location

Riverside Car Park – Upper tier removal of parking

Parking upper section by the toilet block

- There are a number of issues with regards parking on the upper levels. If we want to promote cycling, running and walking, then we should consider a safe car free zone (marked in yellow) on the upper level of the car park. This would mean much safer access for cyclists and stop illegal parking. A potential solution would be a half gate similar to the one at the end of the cycle track with a coded padlock. On the edge of the toilet block I would also propose a painted cycle lane on the entrance.
- Thereby stopping everyday access but still providing access for essential services. This would also open up the Secret Garden and make it more inviting and safer to access.